DEATH.

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Dies Glances Directed Backward,

to the Galary for November, Junius Heari Browne has an essay entitled "The King of Terrora Discrowned," in which king of actions Proceedings, in which he endeavors to show that the process of dying is usually unattended by the degree of pain with which it is almost universal-

-Had I the strength to write," said the amous physician William Hunter In his ist moments, "I would write how easy and delightful it is to die." "I had thought ring to be more difficult,' exclaimed Lans XIV. with his latest breath. Mon-Louis XIV. With his fatest oreach. Adon-tigne, having met with an accident which it was supposed had proved fatal, said, upon restoration to conclousness, "I thought that life hung only on my lips, and I close my eyes to help me in expelling it; and I had sincere pleasure in the elief that I was passing away." Rabelals hughingly declared when he knew he had but a few minutes to live, "This is the est joke that has ever been played upon

e. Deaths from violence, generally considred far more painful than these from illness, are often easy, sometimes pleasant. Subtile poisons (strychnine and bichloride of mercury are exceptions), such as opium and hydrocyanic acid, act directly on the produce stupor, and the victim pasies peacefully into insensibility and Brien. Drowning, which would seem be attended with anguish, is known by ons who have been rescued from the sensations not disagreeable, after the of strangling has passed. Several times gring boyhood I had this semi-drowning aperience, and as soon as the instinctiv riggle for life, and the pain caused by wallowing water were over, I felt much re comfortable than I have ever felt a land. The sensations I then enjoyed sere really delightful, like those which llow the taking of laudanum or the smoag of oplam,-dreamly soft, delicious and how coor devils drawn out of the water have been made angry by their egreation, having been snatched from ne only condition of comfort they had I have talked with persons who have

cen poisoned, or who have poisoned armselves, and who may be said to have ed in as much as they had fully decided ded, in as much as they had fully decided and expected to die. They very rarely suffered in body or in mind, and they lost their senses gradually as when laying their head upon the pillow at night. Whatever pain they had was not ing going trong both coming back to life, which would make it seem that the arrow-heads being to death wound only those anxriof the effect upon themselves of the one course approach of death, and the writers at the total absence of the awe or fear camenly believed to be inseparable on such circumstances. Doubtless, the elementation of self-extinction had abrbed the anticipated strangeness, and scounted the impressiveness and solemof the mortal occasion. It is natural but hardly natural to desire to die.
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It to die is all there is of death.
be killed outright by a gun-shot

cound must certainly be easy. I have an sure of this. I have narrowly no-liced officers struck while leading a charge. Their faces evinced startled surprise, not agaish, and their nervous system receivsuch a shock that, before sensation ald rally, they had seased to breathe. o say that a man suddenly put out of

During the first siege of Vicksburg 1 is on the Mississippi in a wooden ran which had been shot to pieces in front of that city, and was going up the river for repairs. Opposite Greenville, Mississippi, where topography favored hostile oper-Mions, the rebels opened on our battered and helpiess hulk, first with small arms, and then with six and twelve-pound feld-pieces protected by the levees. Our vessel could do little more than make brough loop-holes against the guards. spin plants within a few inches of my head, knocking the splinters into ad cutting my face, and literally severing a twain a poor fellow who had been instaling a little to my left. Had I been instaling hitten a my left. Had I been instaling hitten a my left. Had I been instaling hitten my left. Had I been instaling hitten om left. Had I been instaling hitten of the same way to either heart of death was in the military prison of the heady and the soul, is paved with a smoothness and serently. My widest and most convincing observation of death was in the military prison of death was in the military

tell for half a minute whether I was my normal self or the subject of a Coroner's ed to death. During the two months pre-inquest. Contact with the ground merely caused numbness, succeeded only subsequently by a sense of suifering. After coming to the conclusion that I was not dead anyhow, I usually began testing my limba to determine how many were broken; and I seemed often to have a curiosity quite impersonal in the matter. ty quite impersonal in the matter.

If one fall from an extraordinary eleva

tion, as from an Alpine precipice down a mountain crevasse, or from a balloon, he loses conscionsness and sensibility long be-lore striking any solid substance. Descent through a certain space destroys anima-tion, so that death by slipping from a great height, while it addresses itself to

great height, while it addresses itself to the imagination as something terrible, is corporeally painless.

Freezing to death, which would convey the impression of distress, is in its later stages, as we all know, not only free from angulah, but positively pleasant. The preliminary state, as most of us have experienced, is painful; but while the pain continues the danger is distant. Drowsiness is the advance guard of real peril. continues the danger is distant. Drowsi-ness is the advance guard of real peril, and the drowsiness deepens into a luxu-rious stupor, which, once telt, no one de-sires to shake off. Solander, the Swedish naturalist, the companion of Captain Cook and Sir Joseph Banks in their expeditions, was constantly warning his asso-ciates of the insidious and dangerous ef-fects of extreme cold in high northern latitudes. And yet he was among the first to yield to the seductions of the snow slumber from which he was with the greatest difficulty aroused. Solander's servant excelled his master in imprudence what his occasion was the control of the state of the same transition. —making his couch under the Arctic sky and answering, when told he would die i he slept, that nothing would please him

Hanging—that relic of barbarism which Hanging—that relic of barbarism which we still permit to disgrace the statute books of many of our States—would strike any one who has witnessed an execution as a torturous mode of death. But, repellant and ignominious as is this form of legal murder, it is considered almost pangless. The cord produces suffocation, unless. The cord produces suffocation, unless. pellant and ignominious as is this form of legal murder, it is considered almost pang-less. The cord produces suffocation, un-less the neck be dislocated by the fall, and suffocation begets insensibility to pain. The instances are numerous of pain. The instances are numerous of persons who have hanged themselves and been resuscitated. They have declared that, after brief discomfort, they had de-lightful sensations, enjoying charming panoramas of light and color, and beholdng such blissful visions as never were on sea or land. Criminals who have escaped by the breaking of a rope have described marvellous phantasmagoris, such as flish through the fervid dreams of a poet. Henry IV, of France, once offered

ence.

Stories are told of Frenchmen who have so much enjoyed the sensation of hanging that they suspended themselves frequently, having a previous understanding with their servents as to the exact moment when they should be cut down; with the strictest punctuality being required the strictest punctuality being required to prevent the extinction of the vital stage of the previous of the content of the vital stage of the content of the vital stage of the content of the vital stage of spark. I have read of a careless valet in of their cfects or their remains. Again that a first give final directions for the disposal to the prescribed rather bed post, according to the prescribed ed wretches in prison: "Do you think I'm all already received as a fresh blow to American credit in Europe. "Chicago Market.

If I had reason to believe—and I almost a laways had—that such knowledge to the repetition of the peculiar experiment always had—that such knowledge."

Cuttcago, November 1.—Flour—Demand, fair, but at lower prices; extra pendent gentlemen until it was too late for the repetition of the peculiar experi-

ment.

The garrote, the form of capital punishment in Spanish countries, and the guillotine, which has done such bloody work in France, were invented as a merciful method, averaging the countries. mode of execution. I have seen them tested, and I should think that their manner of inflicting death, revolting as it seems, might be as humane, if I may use the adjective, as any such savagery will admit. The garrote appears to me the least barbarous fashion of statutory managers. slaughter, since it preserves human beings from an airy and grotesquely awful dance of death, and prevents the hideous and bloody spectracie of a headless trunk. The theory, based upon the movement of the eyes and lips, and the contraction of the muscles of the body after description. muscles of the body after decapitation

sencies must be very analogous to the stake is a rhetorical horror not answered by careful examination. Excrutating and lingering as such a death seems, it is really brief, and combissioned passam, indescribable, yet alleratively exampt from bodily anguish. He who is exposed to the fire necessarily inhanceme and gone in a flash. When he is strock by a bullet, and is aware of it speak by experience), he knows not build. be trace, not an atom of Hingering perception—come and gono In a flash. When trace, not an atom of Hingering perception—come and gono In a flash. When one is struck by an bullet, and is aware of tit speak by experience), he knows not at first whether he is slightly or intally knowled. The shock is much the same. The chief difference is, that in the former case he remembers his feeling, and in the face he remembers nothing; oblivion being pain. The victim we imagine to be writhing in untold terture, is at that moments and the processing in the processing in untold terture, is at that moments and the processing in the principle of vitality and to see wouldn't bother me," and spoke no more. It wouldn't you like to see your father? "Wouldn't you like to see your father?" Wouldn't you like to see your father?" Wouldn't

ment beyond the reach of physical harm, beyond the capacity to suffer further.

It has so happened that I have seen many men and women die. Without design or disposition on my part, I have very many times been present when sick very many times ocen present when sick persons were obbing to eternity. I have seen men and women, young and old, cul-tivated and ignorant, orthodox and heter-odox, in their last moments, and, as a rule, all of them passed away, if not without regret, at least with entire resignation. against the stream, and our sole None of them showed dread of the fu-ment consisted of a few old rifles ture. Their thoughts were fixed on what three of us were laboring hard to discharge there on the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the were going to. I observed that some of the war and generative of the were going to. I observed that some of the war going to the were going to. I observed that some of the war native going to go the were going to. I observed that some of the war native going to the war native going to the war native going to go the war native going to the war native going to the war native going to go the war native going to the through loop-holes in planks nailed sainst the guards. While I was strugging to get one of the rides off, I was strugging to get one of the rides off, I was shouldenly struck by—I knew not what there was a cracking sound all about me and something that seemed jike a blinding rather was a cracking sound all about me and something that seemed jike a blinding rather was a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something that seemed jike a blinding rather was unread to death; though I felt no pain—nothing but the concussion. In a few moments I collected my scattered senses, and looking road, saw that a twelve-pound shot had seemed as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something the seemed to descend upon them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something the seemed to descend upon them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something the pain and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something the pain and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something that per many them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something the pain and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something the pain and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread to descend upon them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread to descend upon them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread to descend upon them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread something them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread to many them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain, there was unread to many them as a substitute, and afterward, if free from physical pain,

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even at Andersonville. Had this contin-ued, only twenty-five weeks would have been needed to destroy the entire number; but before that time the weather moder-ated and the long interrupted exchange was resumed. What were called the hospitals—scarcely better than pigstles— would not hold one-sixth of the sick. My conferre of the Tribune and myself having been placed in charge of these westlesd. been placed in charge of these wretched lazar-houses, we were brought into im-mediate and constant contact with suffer-ing and death in every repulsive shape. Having some knowledge of medicine, I Itaving some knowledge of medicine, I performed the part of an amateur physician for lack of a better. Spending much of the time in the hospitals, and crawling into the holes the soldiers had dug in the ground to protect themselves from the bleak winds for the purpose of visiting my unfortunate patients, I saw more clearly than ever how readily men resign themselves to decease.

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The prisoners generally represented the average understanding and intelligence of the North. Most of them were from the small towns and agricultural regions, especially of New England, where the spirit of skepticism seldom penetrates and where men neglety and penetrates, and where men usually run in the groove cut by their circumstances. I had expected that, trained as they had been, they would evince the effect of their training in a certain theologic hor-ror of death, but I was greatly disappointed. I must have seen from ten to twelve in a dying condition daily for two months, and I cannot remember that a single one of the poor fellows manifested the least fear of the end he knew to be inevitable.

I found the experience repeated which had also where Theorem beat the

past; were touched by tender memories, instead of being haunted by fears or op-posed by solicitude for the luture. The commonest and coarsest soldiers were humanized and refined as they approach ed the terminus of their weary journey, and spoke as if a new spirit had possessed them. I remembered Swedenborg's idea that the good angels take charge of the dying, enter into them and lead them cheerfully and joyously away. The vision of death is no grim spectre, as has hear notice that it is the property of the state poet. Henry IV, of France, once offered a pardon to a criminal who had escaped complete strangling by the fracture of a cord; but the condemned man had found hanging so agreeable that he declared pardon had become a matter of indifference.

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would not weigh against them in the delicately adjusted scales of being and not being, I gave my opinion frankly. When I said, "I'm afraid there is very little chance for your recovery," or "If you wish to make any strangements should the your scane by the word." I changed. the worst come to the worst," I observed that such discouraging phrases were re-ceived almost uniformly with calmness, and, so firequently with the repeated declaration, "I am not airaid to die "I that I came to regard that as the expression and protest of nature and reason against authority and superstition.

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I have found, particularly at Saulsoury, that material comfort is the thing longed for by the dying. In their last hours men and women want physical rest and ease above aught else; and I have known instances in which the replies of persons

nuscles of the body after decapitation, that the victims of the guillotine suffer intensely, is not sustained by scientific investigation. Such action is spasmodic, and must take place after insensibility has been established by the severing of the spinal cord, and of the communication of the whole nervous system of the brain.

One of the most dreadful and appalling deaths is by fire; and hence the auto da for the Inquisition still shine with beloful glare amid the numberless atrocities of the Middle Ages. Still the destruction of life by burning is far less terrible in fact than it is to the fancy, and comdemnation to the stake is a rhetorical horror incommendation of rest which generally heralds were his last words. A gentleman, long ill of a wasting fever, had reached that condition of rest which generally heralds the great transformation. His betrothed, the great transformation. His bettoffed, who had devotedly nursed him, said: "Dearest, do you die happy?" I should," was the answer, "if that infernal fly wouldn't bother me," and spoke no more. "Wouldn't you like to see your father?" inquired a doting mother of her only son, as its life was abbited feet. "Of source,"

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I retain a vivid memory of a soldier at Salisbury, who was generally shunned by the members of his regiment for the cowardice he had shown in different actions. He had not been in prison more than a fortnight when he applied to me for admission to the hospital, and I perceived at once that his days were numbered. Though unedicated he was not. derangement of the nerves. It is deplorable to be without courage, but to have and hold it is not always within the prov-ince of the will or the reason. After the poor fellow had been rudely housed, and had received such slender attention as could be given him, he became entirely sure that his end was nigh. On a certain

sure that his end was nigh. On a certain afternoon, as I passed the solled straw on which he lay without bed-covering of any kind, I inquired how he felt.
"I feel," he replied, "as it I was pretty nearly played. I'm goin' to hand in my chips now mighty soon, and I don't care nothin' about it, neither. You may have motion about it, betther. You may have heard, Doctor, that I didn't like to fight, and I didn't; but I'm not afeerd to die, for fightin' is one thing and dyin's another. I never wanted to hurt nobody, and I hated to be hurt myself. I tell you this hors fightly a might wish to 'tendie. hated to be hurt myself. I tell you this here fightin's a mighty sight o' trouble, but a fellow can lay down anywhere and die easy, 'cept in this tarnation place. It's kind o' rough here, sin't it, doctor? Lordy, it I could only get warm once, and have a good square meal, I'd jes as soon die as not. I'd jes as soon die as not. I'd jes as soon die anyhow; but it ud be sort o' nice to go out of this world real warm an' not hungry any world real warm an' not hungry any more. I'm a goner sure, I haint go nothin' to leave to nobody, only a pool

old mother in Indiany, and I'm haint knowed how 'tis down here

my, I'm warm now. It's all right, . doc ter. I'm glad-" ter. I'm glad——"
Again the poor fellow's eyes closed, and
when they opened life had shut.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL The Public Debt Statement. The Public Statement issued yesterday shows cash in the treasury as follows:

Carrency 12,833,68: Special deposits held for redemption of certificates of deposit 23,858,000 Total in Treasury..... Debt less cash in Treasury MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Money and Stock Market NEW YORK, November 1 .- GOLD-Heavy and lower opened at 1124 and closed at 1114 a112. Loans at 1-16 to flat for use and 2a4 per cent for carrying Clearings \$59,000,000. The Treasury disbursed \$749,600. Export for to-morro announced at \$600,000.

MONEY-Easy at 5a7 per cent. The banks, trust companies, &c., are disbursing freely on the November coupons.
STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, 1081 for ong and 1004 for short sight. GOVERNMENTS-Opened lower and closed steady.

STATE BONDS-Unchanged and dull. STOCKS-The stock market railed to-day on the report of the new issue of greenbacks, which was made on the 7th of October to break the gold corner; prices are irregular; the interest is again concentrated in a few shares. The largest dealings and widestfluctuations wer in Pacific Mail, Northwestern, Western Union, Rock Island and Wabash, which ranged up and down + to 21 per cent; the temper of speculation being alter-nately bearish and bullish. The changes in the other shares were 1 to 4 per cent closed firm.

The Government is said to be drawing in the recent issue of greenbacks and will have it all withdrawn by the time Con gress meets. The Government has called in a million and a half of 3 per cents which cannot be used for a reserve afte December 81

The Commercial says the Memphis & Little Rock first mortgage is in default and the gold bonds of the Chicago & Northwestern do not pay gold interest as heretofore, but fall back on the currency interest guaranteed by the Rock Island ourpany. Some bankers refuse to accept currency upon these coupons, and send them back to Europe for further instruc

Chicago, November 1.—Flour—Demand, fair, but at lower prices; extra spring \$5 5046 00 for good to choice; superfine \$5 0044 50. Wheat—Dull and prices a shade lower; for No. 3 spring \$1 074; No. 1 do scarce and wanted at \$1 17; No. 3, 97c. Corn—No. 2 mixed 305c. Oats—No. 2 mixed 204c; regular 21c, fresh. Rye—51½c. Barley—Fall No. 2, 02½104½c. Provisions—Quiet and weak; prices mominally unchanged. Sales Mess Pork—\$15 00 for old. Lard—7½c. Bulk Meats—Sales shoulders at 5½c; do 30 days in salt 4½c; loose green meats stendy. Hams—8½n8½c. Short ribs—35 days in salt, 8c. Whisky—89c.

Cincinnati Market.

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CINCINNATI, November 1.—Flour—
Steady with a moderate demand. Wheat
—Steady; red \$1 48a1 55; white \$1.70.
Corn—Old 40a4ic; new 38a30c. Rye—
68a70c. Oats—28a33c. Barley—Dull but unchanged. Groceries—Firm, with fair demand. Oils—Steady. Pork—Nominal at \$15.00. Lard—Steam 74c; new and old kettle 74c. Bulk Meats—Shoulders 64c; old sides nominal; clear rib 94c; clear 104c. Bacon—Jobbing demand; shoulders 64c; clear rib sides 10c; clear 104c for new sides; no old offered. Hogs
—\$4.20a4 35. Whisky—88c.

New York Dry Goods Market. New York, November 1.—There is a cheerful feeling in the trade, although very little business is doing outside of filling orders, which come forward freely from all sections. The horse epidemic begins to show signs of improvement, and goods are now being forwarded with less difficulty. There is no quotable change in prices and the market closes quiet and strong for cotton fabrics, with an increased demand by mail for some kinds. Woolen foreign goods quiet, but prices for fine qualities of dress black silks and mohair lustres are firmer, with an advancing ten-NEW YORK, November 1.-There is dency.

Toledo Market.

In certain organizations, much less courage is demanded to die than to do or darc. They who will fly in terror from actual or seeming peril, will resign life by Michigan \$1 60\star 60\star 60\star 61; amount a tremor.

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Baltimore Market. Baltimore Market.

Baltimore Morket.—Flour—Dull but
unchanged. Wheat—Firm; choice amber
1 95a§3 05. Corn—Firm and higher;
southern white 60a68 asked. Oats—Dull;
western mixed 40c. Rye—Steady at 85.
Provisions—Very dull but unchanged.
Lard—Firm at §4. No sugar cured hams
in market; new uncovered 10c. Western
butter—Unchanged. Whisky—Qulet and
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